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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

FEHN ET AL.

Examiner

Kuo-Liang Peng

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/4/03 IDS.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16,17,21-23 and 28-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20 and 24-27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicants' preliminary amendment filed on July 31, 2003 was received. Claims 1-15 are deleted. Claims 16-31 are added.
2. Applicant is advised that should Claim 25 be found allowable, Claim 27 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

In the specification (page 7, line 10), it is not clear as to what "0.5 C₈H₁₂" refers to.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 17, 23 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In Claim 17 (line 4) and Claim 23 (lines 4-5), it is not clear as to what “0.5 C₈H₁₂” refers to.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 16, 21-22 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyoshi (EP 1 043 363).

Miyoshi discloses a silicone rubber mold obtained by curing an addition curable composition in the presence of a rhodium catalyst. ([0002], [0010]-[0015], [0017]-0023]) Note that “baking” in the preamble of the instant claim is merely an intended use, and does not carry any weight of patentability. See MPEP 2111.02.

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Since Miyoshi's curable composition is substantially the same as Applicants' composition, Examiner has a reasonable basis to believe that both have the same appearances including transparency, color, etc. *In re Best*, 195 USPQ 430 (CCPA 1977).

8. Claims 18-20 and 24-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Miyoshi does not teach or fairly suggest the specific mold set forth in Claims 18-20 and 24-27.

9. Claims 17, 23 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Miyoshi does not teach or fairly suggest the specific catalysts set forth in Claims 17, 23 and 31.

10. The "X" references cited in the international search report are not relied upon because of the following reasons:

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None of the "X" references, except Miyoshi applied above, teaches or fairly suggests the elastomeric baking mold of the present invention.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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